



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Robert L. Cobene et al. Art Unit : 3722
Serial No. : 10/603,111 Examiner : Friddie Jr., Willmon
Filed : June 24, 2003
Title : SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF BINDING A TEXT BODY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION DATED MARCH 24, 2004

I. Status of claims

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15-18, and 21-38 were pending. Note that claims 3, 6, 9, 11-14, 19, and 20 were canceled in the Request for a Continuing Application that was filed on June 24, 2003.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 22, 23, 25-29, 35, and 36 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

II. Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-18, 21, 24, 30, 33, 34, 37, and 38 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,619,900.

The Terminal Disclaimer being filed herewith should overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,619,900, which is commonly owned with the present application by Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.

The Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejection now should be withdrawn.

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III. Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Hartwig (U.S. 6,056,493).

As pointed out above, however, claims 19 and 20 were canceled in the Request for a Continuing Application that was filed on June 24, 2003, and therefore are no longer pending in the application.

For at least this reason, the Examiner's rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Hartwig should be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

For the reasons explained above, all claims are now in condition for allowance and should be allowed.

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(X) No additional fee
(X) Other: Terminal Disclaimer (fee \$)

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